

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 20, 2009, 4:30pm, at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer, Richard Shockley and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt and Police Chief Dombkowski were also present. Mary Nauman, Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen and Lee Booth from the Department were absent.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:35pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing and passed around the Tree City news release and a RIP Squad photo.

**Parks** – Joe reported in Lee's absence

- Playground and trail Inspections were presented.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- Softball league play will start the week of May 11. We have 34 Coed teams and 9 men's teams. The Coed meeting is tonight to discuss schedule conflicts. The men's meeting is Wednesday. Next Monday there is an umpires meeting to discuss league rules and schedule games.

- Summer programs have been entered on both web sites; the City's new website and our current Department web site.

- As of today, the Mayor has raised \$8,550 for Global Fest. We need \$15,000. Our next Global Fest committee meeting is this Friday. Mary Nauman has agreed to serve as our Publicity Chairperson. We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator.

**Recreation Report** – Chris reported on the following:

- The summer brochure was mailed to all those on our mailing list. Mail in registration for City residents has begun. Non-Resident mail-in registration will begin tomorrow, April 21. Phone in and walk-in registrations will begin on Thursday, April 23.

- A new credit card software system was installed. This new system will offer a more secured site for credit cards to be processed.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- WALLA has completed their classes. They had a record spring enrollment of 227 people.

- Morton's Spring Dance Recital will be held Saturday, May 2, this year at the Loeb Playhouse at 4 pm. If Park Board members would like complementary tickets they may contact Brenda.

- Our Department is a member of The Coalition for Living Well After 50. I am a member of the Publicity and Programming Committee. The Coalition is holding Active Living

Day in collaboration with Area IV's Senior Movie Fun Day on Wednesday, May 13. There is a \$1 admission fee to the movie theatre, Eastside 9. Wellness booths will be in the lobby between 8 and 9:30 am. The movie starts at 9:30. After the movie, a free lunch will be held at noon at Columbian Park. There will be door prizes. Following lunch, participants may participate in a fitness walk around the park and attend a healthy cooking demonstration.

Morton Community Center is obtaining a new copier. The one Morton has now has been giving us many problems. We were notified that the manufacturer was going to discontinue making parts. The maintenance agreement will be terminated the end of April. The new copier should arrive in the next week.

## **Old Business**

### **Board Tour**

The first Board Tour will be on Thursday, May 14 from 4 – 6 pm to match schedules for Mike and Richard. A second tour will be scheduled for the remaining Board members.

## **New Business**

### **Farmers Market Proposal**

Connie Pampel, of Whyte Horse Winery, requested permission to offer wine tasting at the Sagamore West Farmers Market on the first Wednesday of each month during the market. The price would be \$5 for four half-ounce samples of wine, with a souvenir glass. The Winery will meet the State Excise Board requirements. Mike motioned to allow Whyte Horse Winery to do wine tasting the first Wednesday of the month at the Farmers Market for \$5. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried. This request is just for the 2009 Sagamore Farmers Market.

### **Christmas in July**

Ken McCammon from the Community and Family Resource Center of Lafayette would like permission to use Tapawingo Park on July 25. He would like to close off part of the park; Joe passed around a diagram showing which part. Ken explained that on Christmas Day the Center feeds approximately 3,000 community members. It is getting harder to raise funds to make that happen. He is requesting that the Board hold the date of July 25. He knows there are a lot of details that still have to be worked out. Mike moved to approve the date of July 25 for Christmas in July for 2009. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Morton Rental**

Brenda introduced Jeff Lageveen. Jeff would like to have a music event at Morton. He wants to sell clothes, artwork, jewelry as well as his bands original music. Jeff is requesting permission from the Board to sell those items. He wants to have a show Friday, May 8 at Morton from 9 – 11 pm; his band would be performing. This would not be a benefit show; it will be a private show. He will be charging admission. Mike moved to approve the sale of CD's or audio recordings, t-shirts and items that are directly related to promotion of the band. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Barn Roofing Quotes**

Joe opened quotes for roofing the maintenance barn and associated repairs in the process. Quotes included: Summers Excavating and Roofing \$79,183.82. Architectural Remodeling \$69,900, and Marchel Roofing and Siding \$62,919. Joe will take the quotes under advisement. Hopefully tomorrow morning after 8:30, we will get a TIF budget for the year and be able to move ahead on a few things.

**West Lafayette School Board** – Karen reported the following:

Plans continue for the Happy Hollow addition renovation, there has been a committee of teachers that have looked at and analyzed the facility and many different options. We are looking to add on a large group instruction room, a cafeteria and then remodel the old cafeteria into classrooms.

The School Corporation is putting together a 25 – 30 person strategic planning committee. This committee is going to meet May 9, 10 and 11 and it will be facilitated by the retired Superintendent. We are looking to set short and long term goals.

The High School principal, Larry Allen is retiring June 30 of this year. In light of that retirement and the financial constraints on our district we have reconfigured our administrative staff at the high school. We will now have two people serving as administrators, instead of three. As of July 1, Ron Shriner will be promoted to Head Principal at the Junior/Senior High School and then Dan Walbaum will be the associate principal.

Due to snow days they had to rework the calendar so now the last day of school will be Tuesday, May 26, (half day).

**Wabash River**

Mike mentioned that the WREC Board met the end of March, and the process of master planning is moving forward. There is a new watershed management plan process that started; it's through LLOW (the Living Laboratory on the Wabash). Of significant note, WREC approved funding for the purchase of two voyager canoes for races and tours on the river.

**Other****Blessed Sacrament Field Use**

Pennie requested that the Board enter into an agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette for use of the Blessed Sacrament softball fields for our coed league. In return for use of the field, the Department mows the area. Mike moved approval of the agreement. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette Library**

Pennie received a request for 40 single admission pool passes for the West Lafayette Library's summer reading club "Be Creative at Your Library". The value would be \$120. Mike moved approval of the request for passes. Richard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Pay Claims**

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary